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## Selectmen's Minutes 03/21/2005

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, March 21, 2005  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Greeley, and Mrs. Dias.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Discussion: Town Website Usage and Wish list Survey

Dan Dunn, Information Technology Advisory Committee

Mr. Dunn reported the committee is working on the needs and wants analysis. On

April 6, 2005 a public hearing will be held and additionally the Department Heads and Selectmen will be asked for their recommendations. Starting tomorrow the survey will be on the Town website, e-mail etc.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Dunn announced an opening on the committee for any one who would like to apply.

### **APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

2. Reappointments: Zoning Board of Appeals

Joseph F. Tulumieri

Susan M. McShane

(terms to expire 3/07)

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

4. Request: One Additional On Street Overnight Parking Space, 135 Thorndike St.

Michele Phelan

Mr. Greeley moved to approve and have Mrs. Krepelka send letter to the Treasurer's Office to authorize 3 parking permits. SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Discussion: Proposition 2 1/2

(from 3/7/05 meeting)

Mr. Lyons moved approval on June 11, 2005 to hold a town wide election to determine whether or not "shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$6 million in real estate property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of Town and Schools, beginning fiscal year July 1, 2005". SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons explained his plan for the expanded abatements for seniors 70 years or older as part of the stabilization plan.



**Article 36 Establish Committee/Revising the Town's Fiscal Organization**

Mr. Lyons moved to table until the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting when Mr. Bilafer can be present.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**Article 38 Fire Station Renovation Postponement**

Mr. Marvin Lewiton, 18 West Street, stated due to lack of information furnished on medical calls and conflicting opinions from the consultant report and Selectmen opinions this article asks for a postponement of the rebuilding. Mr. Lewiton requested information be provided to Town Meeting so that a decision can be made.

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, 163 Scituate Street stated he would vote in favor if the data showed the need.

Mr. John O'Neil, 41 Foster St., suggested a compromise was in order. He suggested perhaps cutting the cost of the rebuild by concentrating on a medical calls/rescue station instead of a fire station.

After some discussion by the Selectmen it was agreed that they feel a need to rebuild the Fire Station for the safety of Arlington and that it has been postponed already.

Mr. Lyons moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley will request a presentation and report concerning the rebuilding at Town Meeting. Mr. Lyons asked the Town Manager to report back on who authorized the past study (1994) and where the money came from.

**Article 18 By law Amendment/Noise Abatement**

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Maher to include language including security lighting.

Mr. Greeley moved to postpone until the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon suggested that Article 17 and Article 19 (which Article 18 was rolled into) will be discussed all together.

**Correspondence Received**

Thomas Steel RCN channel changes Be Rec'd  
RCN

Jennifer Hanley Peirce Field Be Rec'd  
18 Brattle St.

Johnna Hanley Peirce Field Be Rec'd

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Counsel to write opinion letters regarding the Peirce Field letters.

Mr. Lyons introduced 3 letters to the Board. They were:

-1) a letter signed by the members of Congress sent to Governor Romney to not cut CDBG Funds.

-2) a letter sent to Jim Nussle, Chairman, House Budget Committee and John Spratt, Ranking Member, House Budget Committee signed by 181 members of Congress organized by Barney Frank. The vote on March 17, 2005 was 218-214 keeping CDBG Funds fully funded for the next year. Mr. Lyons expressed great thanks to Congressman Barney Frank. He did a great job getting this passed in Congress.

-3) a letter sent by 58 Senate members to Senators Judd Gregg and Kent Conrad including Senator Kennedy and Senator Kerry to continue support of CDBG Funds. The vote was 66-31 in support of favor of the resolution.

Mr. Lyons expressed he was very pleased with the progress made and the legislatures work to get these votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Maher reported that regarding the TeleDimensions Assessment that:

- the report to be discussed at the March 28, 2005 meeting
- the draft RFP to Comcast be discussed at the April 4, 2005 meeting
- in the beginning of May the Board discuss strategy to upcoming negotiations with Comcast.

Mr. Greeley congratulated Mr. Hurd on the success of the Arlington Catholic Hockey Team in the Tournament. Mr. Greeley also apologized to the Arlington Senior Association for not performing at their St. Patrick's celebration due to not being able to schedule it.

Mr. Hurd confirmed that the Town Manager would have the draft budget to the Selectmen at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Lyons announced Mr. Hurd is the "Man of the Year" recipient at the Arlington Children's Room for his wonderful work.

Mr. Lyons reported that 16 Superintendents would meet tomorrow regarding the "Reverse the Curse" plan to begin in April to get state cuts reversed.

Mr. Lyons asked that the legislatures come to an April meeting instead of the March 28, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Maher reported that Rep. Marzilli informed him that:

- the Fund Transfer Bill is on the Governor's desk
- the Pacheco Bill is up for final vote on Thursday
- Town Counsel Residency Bill is at the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
- the liquor Bill was withdrawn, and the legislature would like to be advised on when it will be voted on at the local level. The Board asked that this be an agenda item on the March 28, 2005 meeting.

Mrs. Mahon announced that Mr. Stephen Calabro passed away today and offered condolences to the family.

Mrs. Mahon also asked Mrs. Krepelka to follow up with Drake Village residents regarding the placement of Parking Stickers with the Treasurer's Office.

Mrs. Mahon announced the Arlington High School production of the Music Man starting April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Maher moved to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body in selling that particular land.

Mrs. Krepelka initiated the roll call at 8:45 PM.

A True Record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator